

METHOD OF ATTACHING A FLORAL SLEEVE TO A POT VIA BONDING MATERIAL

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51. (Twice Amended) A method of wrapping a pot, comprising:
- providing a tubular sleeve having a lower end, an outer peripheral surface, an inner peripheral surface, and an inner retaining space for enclosing at least a portion of a pot, the tubular sleeve initially having a flattened condition;
  - providing a pot adapted to contain a floral grouping having a lower end, an upper rim and an outer peripheral surface;
  - opening the tubular sleeve to expose the inner retaining space;
  - disposing the pot into the inner retaining space of the tubular sleeve; and
  - bondingly connecting a portion of the inner peripheral surface of the tubular sleeve to the pot via an adhesive or cohesive bonding material.

127. (New) The method of claim 51 wherein in the step of providing the tubular sleeve, the tubular sleeve further comprises adhesive or cohesive bonding material disposed upon a portion of the inner peripheral surface thereof and the step of bondingly connecting comprises bondingly connecting the tubular sleeve to the pot via the adhesive or cohesive material on the tubular sleeve.

128. (New) The method of claim 51 wherein in the step of providing the tubular sleeve, the lower end is closed.

129. (New) The method of claim 51 wherein the adhesive or cohesive bonding material has a release material thereon which is removed prior to the connecting step for exposing the adhesive or cohesive bonding material.

130. (New) The method of claim 51 wherein in the connecting step the tubular sleeve is connected to a portion of the pot adjacent the upper end of the pot.

131. (New) The method of claim 51 wherein in the connecting step the tubular sleeve is connected to a portion of the pot a distance below the upper end of the pot.

132. (New) The method of claim 51 wherein the adhesive or cohesive bonding material is disposed upon both the inner peripheral surface of the tubular sleeve and upon the outer peripheral surface of the pot.

133. (New) The method of claim 51 wherein in the step of providing a tubular sleeve, the lower end of the tubular sleeve is open.

134. (New) The method of claim 128 wherein the closed lower end of the tubular sleeve has a drain hole.

135. (New) The method of claim 51 wherein the tubular sleeve comprises a detachable upper portion.

136. (New) The method of claim 51 wherein the tubular sleeve comprises a skirt portion.

137. (New-Once Amended) A method of wrapping a pot,  
comprising:

providing a tubular sleeve having a lower end, an inner  
peripheral surface, an outer peripheral surface,  
an inner retaining space for enclosing at least a  
portion of a pot and an adhesive or cohesive  
bonding material disposed upon a portion of the  
inner peripheral surface, the tubular sleeve  
initially having a flattened condition;  
providing a pot adapted to contain a floral grouping;  
opening the tubular sleeve to expose the inner  
retaining space;  
disposing the pot into the inner retaining space of the  
tubular sleeve; and  
connecting a portion of the inner peripheral surface of  
the tubular sleeve to the pot via the adhesive or  
cohesive bonding material on the inner peripheral  
surface of the tubular sleeve.

138. (New) The method of claim 137 wherein in the step of  
providing the tubular sleeve, the lower end is closed.

139. (New) The method of claim 137 wherein the adhesive or cohesive bonding material has a release material thereon which is removed prior to the connecting step for exposing the adhesive or cohesive bonding material.

140. (New) The method of claim 137 wherein in the connecting step the tubular sleeve is connected to a portion of the pot adjacent the upper end of the pot.

141. (New) The method of claim 137 wherein in the connecting step the tubular sleeve is connected to a portion of the pot a distance below the upper end of the pot.

142. (New) The method of claim 137 wherein in the step of providing a tubular sleeve, the lower end of the tubular sleeve is open.

143. (New) The method of claim 138 wherein the closed lower end of the tubular sleeve has a drain hole.

144. (New) The method of claim 137 wherein the tubular sleeve comprises a detachable upper portion.

145. (New) The method of claim 137 wherein the tubular sleeve comprises a skirt portion.